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ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO 84 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSING FIREARMS AS A CONVICTED FELON

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; and CHET EPPERSON, Chief of the Rockford Police Department, today made the following announcement:

On Friday, July 13, 2007, United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard sentenced **TERRANCE I. RUFFIN**, age 27, formerly of Rockford, Illinois, to 84 months in federal prison, without parole, for possessing firearms as a convicted felon. The court also ordered Hill to pay a \$200 fine and further sentenced Ruffin to 3 years of supervised release following his release from prison.

In pleading guilty on April 6, 2007, Ruffin admitted that on April 25, 2006, he led Rockford Police detectives on a car chase throughout southeast Rockford which ended when Ruffin's vehicle crashed into a commercial building. Ruffin further admitted that he attempted to run away from pursuing officers and was apprehended while carrying a loaded, .40 caliber semiautomatic handgun. Ruffin was previously convicted of the felony offense of aggravated discharge of a firearm in Winnebago County Circuit Court.

The case was investigated by the Rockford office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Rockford Police Department with the assistance of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Mark T. Karner.

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